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International Preliminary Examining Report of 29/03/2005

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1. This internal preliminary examining report is issued by the Office assigned therewith and is forwarded to the applicant in accordance with Article 36.
2. This report comprises all told 5 pages including the cover page.

Moreover the report is accompanied by ATTACHMENTS; these are pages of descriptions, claims and/or drawings which were altered and are the basis of this report, and/or pages with amendments made before this authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of PCT Guidelines)

These attachments comprise all told 4 pages.

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This report contains remarks to the following points:

I     Basis of the report

V     Reasoned opinion according to Rule 66.2a)ii) regarding novelty, inventive step and commercial applicability: documents and explanation in support thereof

**I. Basis of the Report**

1. Regarding the **parts** of the international report (replaced pages filed upon request by the Office according to Article 14 shall be considered within the scope of this report as "originally filed" and are not attached as they contain no amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):

**Specification, Pages:**

1-10 original version

**Claims, Nos.:**

1-13 version filed on 26/11/2004 with letter dated 25/11/2004

**Drawings, pages:**

1/1 original version

4. Based on the amendments the following documents have been discarded:

Claims Nos. 14-17

**V. Reasoned opinion according to Article 35(2) regarding novelty, inventive step and commercial applicability: documents and explanation in support thereof**

**1. Opinion**

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-13

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-13

Commercial applicability (CA) Yes: Claims 1-13

**2. Documents and Explanations**

**see accompanying page**

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**To Point V****Reasoned opinion regarding novelty, inventive step and commercial applicability: documents and explanation in support thereof**

1. **Claim 1** meets the PCT requirements regarding novelty and inventive step (Article 33(1)-(3)PCT) for the following reasons:

The method of follow-up treatment of the contour of the surface of an optical lens of a convex lens surface considered the nearest state of the art for the subject matter of claim 1 is polishing the surface.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs therefrom by the technical features of the characterizing part.

Claim 1, therefore represents an alternative to the conventional method. If someone skilled in the art had thought of hot treatment, he would have come up with several possibilities, e.g. pressing using a mold with the respective surface contour. The prior art does not imply the solution proposed in the present invention. The solution, therefore, can be regarded as inventive.

2. **Claims 2-11** are dependent on claim 1 and therefore meet the PCT requirements regarding novelty and inventive step.
3. The independent claim 12, which is equivalent to a process claim for treatment of a lens also meets the PCT requirements regarding novelty and inventive step (Article 33(1)-(3)PCT). The reasons therefor are the same as in paragraph 1 above.
4. **Claim 13** is dependent on claim 12 and therefore also meets the PCT requirements regarding novelty and inventive step.

5. Claims 1-13 meet the PCT requirements regarding commercial applicability (Article 33(4)PCT) as the methods are useable for producing optical lenses.